



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *September 2019 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

October 11: Club Business Meeting and tour of W9IVY (Ivy Tech) Station

November 8: Clint, K6LCS, presentation on working satellites. There will be prizes given out at this meeting, also.

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### **Highlights from the September Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by club president David Spoelstra, N9KT. David welcomed everyone and recognized 6 new hams and 1 upgrade to Extra.

He gave a W9IVY update regarding new students, new satellite station, a welcome event and took technical questions and answers.

Next, Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, gave a report on Field Day and the Indpls. Ham Fest. He stressed that we need more club support and participation from our members for both events and all other events we sponsor. He stated that this is “your club” we need you all to participate.

David Spoelstra announced the following:

October meeting will be a business meeting and tour of W9IVY

November meeting will feature K6LCS presentation on satellite stations. Prizes will be given out at this meeting

December meeting will be a pitch-in dinner. Someone needs to volunteer to organize this event.

Winter Field Day will be at the Salvation Army Radio Room January 25 and 26, 2020

For the Indiana QSO Party, on May 2, 2020, the club will be operating from W9IVY.

Dave Michaels, N1RF, reported on the survey results from the survey he sent out in May. He had lots of interesting facts and graphs.

Next, Brent Walls, N9BA, our featured speaker, gave a very informative talk on fox hunting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

*[Many Thanks to Mark Burke, W9MGB, for supplying notes from this meeting.]*

### **Ham Radio News:**

### **CQ MAGAZINE'S "DX MARATHON" CONTEST WORTH A SHOT**

At the W9DXCC Convention, held just outside of Chicago on September 14, John Sweeney, K9EL, gave a presentation about the DX Marathon Contest, sponsored by CQ Magazine, that he oversees. To quote from the Contest's web site, "Starting January 1 of each year, the DX Marathon is the perfect answer for the DX-er who needs that extra incentive to get on the air every day! Simply work as many countries and CQ Zones as you can in each calendar year, regardless of the band or mode. Each country and zone counts only once, so you can concentrate on working new ones rather than working the same ones on multiple bands and modes. Confirmations are NOT required to participate. Many awards are given for the top overall scores in four classes plus top scores in modes, bands, US call areas and more!"

The overall premise of the contest is very simple, and it runs all year, so there is no staying up for a whole weekend to work a contest. You can operate casually and do fairly

well in this one. Check out the contest web page at <https://www.dxmarathon.com/> for more info.

## **SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS DXPEDITION**

The Perseverance DX Group is organizing a team of experienced DXpedition operators to activate the South Orkney Islands (IOTA AN-008) from approximately Feb. 21, 2020 through March 5, 2020. South Orkney Island is currently #16 most wanted on Clublog.

The team will be QRV from Signy Island on 10-160 meters, SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. Located at 60 degrees south / 45 degrees west, we expect temperatures to hover around freezing most of the time, with constantly changing conditions of wind, rain, snow and occasional sunshine.

For more details, point your browser to <https://sorkney.com/>

## **“SO NOW WHAT?” PODCAST**

“Demystifying the Language of Morse Code” will be the focus of the new (September 19) episode of the So Now What? podcast for Amateur Radio newcomers.

If you’re a newly licensed Amateur Radio operator, chances are you have lots of questions. This biweekly podcast has answers! So Now What? offers insights from those who’ve been just where you are now. New episodes will be posted every other Thursday, alternating new-episode weeks with the ARRL The Doctor is In podcast.

For more info, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/so-now-what-podcast-8>

## **UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS**

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP

Date: Oct 12 2019

Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart

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Email: [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Oct 15 2019  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
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VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc  
Date: Oct 19 2019  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
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VEC: LAUREL MD  
Location: REMC Bldg  
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If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

### **Signals from the Past:**

#### **From the September, 1979 *Amachewer*:**

A different type of electronic activity has had a success in the Indpls area.....A local ham was involved with an electronic device that plays Backgammon. In fact it plays so well it beat the champion in an exhibition in Monte Carlo for a \$5000 prize. The local amateur was Mike Cox, AB9V.

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### **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- September 28, 2019, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm: Monroe County Hamfest at Monroe County Fairgrounds, 5700 W Airport Road, Bloomington IN. Go to <http://bloomingtonradio.org/files/hamfestbrochurecolor.pdf> for more info.
- September 27 & 28, 2019: 2019 ARRL Central Division Convention. Banquet on the 27th, HRO Superfest on the 28th. Go to <http://wvraclub.org/event/2019-hro-superfest/> for details.
- October 5, 2019, 8:00 am to noon: Hoosier Hills Hamfest at Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds near Bedford. Go to <http://www.w9qyq.org/pdf/hamfest.pdf> for more info.

- October 19, 2019, 8:00 am to noon: Shelbyville Tailgate at Shelby County Fairgrounds. Go to <http://brvars.com/2019/07/shelbyville-tailgate-2019/> for more info.
- November 16 & 17, 2019: 2019 ARRL Indiana Section Convention/Fort Wayne Hamfest. Go to <http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm> for more information.

## 2019 Officers:

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